

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

VITAL STATISTICS, 1950.

BIRTHS REGISTERED. - 17,306 births, the greatest number recorded in the State for a year, were registered during 1950, compared with 16,042 during the year 1949. The masculinity of births registered, or the proportion of male births, was 105.39 males per 100 females compared with 105.64 in 1949.

A period of 42 days after birth is permitted for registration, and the number of births registered in a year therefore differs from the number of births actually occurring during the year. The number of actual births for 1950 is not yet available, and reference should be made to later publications for this information.

BIRTH RATE. For the year 1950 the birth rate per 1000 of mean population during the year, measured with regard to births registered during the year, was 24.72 compared with 23.80 in 1949.

ADOPTIONS. 398 children were legally adopted during 1950 compared with 468 in the year 1949.

DEATHS. 6,740 deaths were registered during the year 1950, an increase of 367 on the previous year's number of 6,373. The death rate for the year, or the number of deaths registered per 1,000 of mean population was 9.63 compared with 9.45 for the year 1949.

INFANTILE MORTALITY. Deaths of children under the age of 1 year were 416, a decrease of 29 on the previous year's total of 445. The infantile death rate, or the number of deaths of children under 1 year per 1,000 births during the year of calculation, was 24.04 for the year 1950 compared with 27.74 in 1949.

The summary table hereunder will demonstrate the fall in the rate of infantile mortality since 1920.

Further details of infantile deaths are:-

	Year 1950	Year 1949
Death within 1 day of birth	145	112
between 1 day and 1 month	158	182
between 1 month and 1 year	113	151
Total	416	445.

The greatest improvement in infantile mortality has taken place in respect of the deaths of children at ages between one month and one year.

STILL BIRTHS. These are not included with births and deaths. The number registered in 1950 was 325 compared with 338 in the year 1949.

MARRIAGES. - 6,585 marriages were registered in the State during 1950, an increase of 338 over the previous year's total of 6,247.

The number of marriages performed in the Registration Office was 677 compared with 568 during the year 1949.

SUMMARY RETURN. The following return shows the number of births, deaths and marriages, the rate per 1,000 of mean population, the number of infantile deaths and the rate per 1,000 births.

PERIOD	BIRTHS REGISTERED		MARRIAGES REGISTERED		DEATHS REGISTERED			
					Total		Infants	
	No.	Rate(a)	No.	Rate(a)	No.	Rate(a)	No.	Rate(b)
Mean								
1920-24	11,857	23.43	4,326	8.55	4,901	9.68	693	58.45
1925-29	11,301	20.16	4,225	7.54	5,034	8.98	526	46.54
1930-34	8,989	15.54	3,660	6.33	5,001	8.65	342	38.05
1935-39	9,039	15.32	5,305	8.99	5,430	9.20	297	32.85
1940-44	11,743	19.30	6,843	11.25	6,235	10.25	406	34.57
1945-49	15,613	24.09	6,328	9.77	6,369	9.83	427	27.33
Year								
1946	15,813	24.89	6,700	10.55	6,461	10.17	428	27.07
1947	16,317	25.25	6,668	10.32	6,215	9.62	396	24.27
1948	15,870	24.11	6,704	10.18	6,748	10.25	472	29.74
1949	16,042	23.80	6,247	9.27	6,373	9.45	445	27.74
1950	17,306	24.72	6,585	9.41	6,740	9.63	416	24.04

(a) Per 1,000 of Mean Population.

(b) Per 1,000 Births.

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